Use or low grade coal by NTPC, Kahalgaon

†1902. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC, Kahalgaon is using low grade (substandard) coal;

(b) if so, the loss of power generation (in megawatts) per month due to use of such low grade coal; and

(c) the details of last three years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The coal received by NTPC, Kahalgaon is generally within requisite parameters.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, there is no loss of generation due to quality of coal used.

Electricity Bill

1903. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister-of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are introducing the Electricity Bill during the current Session of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) There is a proposal to introduce new legislation in place of three existing laws namely the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, Electricity Regulatory Commission Act, 1998. The proposed legislation obviates the need for each State to enact its own Reform Law and while facilitating reforms gives States adequate flexibility to chart their own reform path by providing a suitable enabling framework.

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